WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Growth opportunities in aviation sector

710. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced number of measures and steps *i.e.* modernisation of airports, new aircrafts ordered, ATF excise duty halved, travel tax abolished and landing charges reduced etc.;

(b) if so, whether some more initiatives are yet to be taken for growth opportunities in aviation sector;

(c) whether Government have demonstrated its commitment by launching the airport modernization programme to ensure speedy implementation (both at major hubs and 35 small airports) to match with the traffic growth; and

(d) if so, what are the main steps considered and to what extent it has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government review the position from time to time and takes further initiatives, which is a continuing exercise;

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government has taken the following major steps:—

(i) Restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(ii) Development of 35 tentatively selected non-metro airports to world-class standards;

(iii) Construction of Greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad;

These initiatives are under various stages of implementation.